

M.R.C. Unit.

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Dear Dr. Nirenberg,

I enclose an account of our genetical work which we have submitted to Nature. We had the basic idea in the summer, before your epoch-making discovery, and reported it at the Col de Voza DNA meeting in June, but we only got the triples after I returned from Moscow. Your PNAS papers arrived here the day before we sent off our MSS, so I was able to add the reference. I didn't put in your footnote about poly C and proline as I felt I had made the point sufficiently well.

I expect by now you will have experimental data to show that the coding ratio is 3 rather than 6. We had considered looking at the average length of polypeptide chain produced by a polynucleotide of known average length, but it seemed to us rather difficult.

I hope to be in Washington in the latter part of February, and look forward to hearing how you have been getting on.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

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